

## HELLO AGAIN

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AS OF JULY 1: Our new address Now is 27436 Desert Rose Ct., Leesburg, FL 34748;

Phone: 352-728-6731; FAX: 352-728-2405 (NEW)

Many OTR publications are still sent to my old address; PLEASE note new address.

A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. Many thanks for the Holiday cards.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.25 P & H.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$56 including P&H. which includes the First Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$46 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the second supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2007.

CONVENTION 2007: This is our 32nd convention. Dates are Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

Ed Clute needs someone to CUE him at the convention. It should be someone who understands something about printed music and can follow the director's cues. The person would need to be available at rehearsals and performances. Mary Ramlow has helped in the past but she won't be at the convention this year. If you can, contact Ed Clute at 607-535-2010. If this is agreeable to both of you, then contact me.

CONVENTION 2006: 2006 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: [fsberney@verizon.net](mailto:fsberney@verizon.net).

Last year, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

### **2007 Friends Of Old-Time Radio Script Contest**

The 14th Annual FOTR scriptwriting Contest is now open. This time we want a half-hour program which is a takeoff of the classic soap operas, complete with brain tumors, mistaken identity - broken romance - whatever brings out the worst in that Golden Age Of Radio. Probably best would be two fifteen-minute episodes, complete with soupy organ music - and finish with a dramatic teaser for next episode. Sponsor (short commercials at beginning and end of each episode) should be a laundry product that existed in the 30's or 40's, or one created by you.

Please limit cast to 5 or 6, including announcer, but minor parts could be doubled. Script must be ready to produce - 10 point type or larger, all sound and music cues included. First Prize is \$200. and it will be performed live at our 2008 convention, with a DVD copy to first prize winner. Second prize is \$100.00. Deadline for submissions is August 31, 2007 to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick NJ 08902 (732-0940-7639). Three experienced judges from our steering committee will pick the winners.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: From 1948 to 1952, C. Russell Thompson starred in an AFRS kids'

program called "Let's Pretend With Uncle Russ." This show was aired overseas Saturday mornings and thousands of military dependents heard Uncle Russ and joined his "Around the World Safety Club." Thompson now has his own web site <[www.letspretendwithuncleluc.com](http://www.letspretendwithuncleluc.com)> which features memorabilia from that radio series, including fan mail sent to him. For those of you who listened to this show as a kid, Thompson would love to hear from you now. You can e-mail him at <[loveuncleluc@suddenlink.net](mailto:loveuncleluc@suddenlink.net)> (Sent by Jack French)

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; **Radiogram**; Mar; articles about Hal Stone; -Apr; articles about Straight Arrow; The Greatest Story Ever Told; **Nostalgia Digest**, Spring; articles about Edgar Bergen; Vic and Sade; actors who turned to religion and selfless acts; Eartha Kitt; Perry Mason on radio; **The Illustrated Press**, April; articles about Basil Rathbone; Howie Wing; -May; articles about Tonto; comic strips; from printed page to radio; more about broadcast admission tickets; **Radio Recall**, apr; articles about converting OTR to Digital; Mosquito Network, part 3; Paley and Sarnoff, part 2; **Jack Benny Times**, May Aug; more JB information.; **Aircheck**, Apr; article about Fred Allen; **RLL On the Air**, Spring; article about Ken Curtis

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)>, <[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)> or <[Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com)>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web ([www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com)) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708 <[Bearmanormedia.com](http://Bearmanormedia.com)> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 ([www.bookhunterpress.com](http://www.bookhunterpress.com))

From **Bear Manor**; **Old-time Radio Memories** by Mel Simons; \$14.95; soft cover; Included are interviews Mel had with 18 radio actors including Edgar Bergen; Ezra Stone; Jackson Beck; Lon Clark; Don Wilson; also from **Bear Manor Media**; **Hopalong Cassidy** by Bernard Drew; \$16.95; soft cover; a definitive study of the radio program with complete log. also **Straight Arrow** by William Harper; \$18.95. soft cover; a definitive study of the radio program, also with a complete log; -from **McFarland**. **Gene Autry, His Life and Career** by Don Cusic; hardcover; 2007; 216 pages; \$49.95; This meticulously researched biography takes the reader from Autry's childhood through his successful career as singer and actor and covers his later triumphs in business and sports; also from **McFarland**; **On the Short Waves, 1923 - 1945**; by Jerome Berg; 1999; soft cover; 280 pages; \$35.00; this book fully covers short-wave broadcasting from its beginning through World War 11; -from **McFarland**; **Hit Songs, 1900-1955: American Popular Music of the Pre-Rock Era**; by Don Tyler; Soft cover; 554 pages; 2007; List is \$55.00; this is a chronology of the most famous songs from 1900-1955. The top hits of each year are described including all the vital information you can imagine including web sites;

### CONVENTIONS:

**REPS Radio Showcase XII**, 1 June 22 – 23, 2007; Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <[HRRMIKES@aol.com](mailto:HRRMIKES@aol.com)>; also check web site: ([www.repsonline.org](http://www.repsonline.org))

**2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention**, Sep 13 – 15, 2007 at Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, MD; ; Web site is [www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com](http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com); For information call Michelle or Martin Grams, Jr. at 717-456-6208;

**32nd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 727-6731 <[JayHick@aol.com](mailto:JayHick@aol.com)> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>)

**THE INTERNET:** Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <[old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net](mailto:old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net)>...

**WEB SITES:** Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <[www.](http://www.)> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <[old-time.com](http://old-time.com)> **Jim Widner** <[otr.com](http://otr.com)> (**Radio Days**); **Chuck Schaden** <[nostalgia digest.com](http://nostalgia digest.com)> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <[brcradio.com](http://brcradio.com)> **Ted Kneebone** <[geocities.com/tkneebone1](http://geocities.com/tkneebone1)> **Jerry Haendiges** <[otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html](http://otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html)> **Australian Film and Sound** <[Screensound.gov.au](http://Screensound.gov.au)> **Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <[members.aol.com/grbmd](http://members.aol.com/grbmd)> **OTR Digest** <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <[jackbenny.org](http://jackbenny.org)> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <[gna.net/tia](http://gna.net/tia)> **Tom Heathwood** <[HeritageRadio.com](http://HeritageRadio.com)>. **First Generation Archives** <[radioarchives.org](http://radioarchives.org)> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <[reps online.org](http://reps online.org)> **Terry Salomonson** <[audio-classic.com](http://audio-classic.com)> <[digitalotr.com](http://digitalotr.com)> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmc/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <[members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek](http://members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek)> new e-

mail is <douglas@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by [www.mwotrc.com](http://www.mwotrc.com) or [www.readiorecall.com](http://www.readiorecall.com) **Radio Memories (NEW)** [www.radiomemories.com](http://www.radiomemories.com)...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <[www.rhac.org](http://www.rhac.org)> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first):** **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039 **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <[JHaendiges@aol.com](mailto:JHaendiges@aol.com)> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <[tedotr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tedotr@sbcglobal.net)> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <[andy@vintagebroadcasts.com](mailto:andy@vintagebroadcasts.com)>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <[ga@radio.fm](mailto:ga@radio.fm)>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <[www.beqbooks.com](http://www.beqbooks.com)>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <[jbarber@gnolib.la.us](mailto:jbarber@gnolib.la.us)>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <[Thomasmartin245@aol.com](mailto:Thomasmartin245@aol.com)> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <[Berney@fred.net](mailto:Berney@fred.net)> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <[bob@brcbroadcast.com](mailto:bob@brcbroadcast.com)> <[www.brcradio.com](http://www.brcradio.com)> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <[audio-classic.com](http://audio-classic.com)> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <[lodestone-media.com](http://lodestone-media.com)> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <[edcarr@enter.net](mailto:edcarr@enter.net)> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <[daniel.riedstra@wcom.com](mailto:daniel.riedstra@wcom.com)>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <[mschmid@rcn.com](mailto:mschmid@rcn.com)> <[www.oldtimeradio.com](http://www.oldtimeradio.com)> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <[www.crabapplesound.com](http://www.crabapplesound.com)> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <[www.theradiolady.com](http://www.theradiolady.com)> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 <[www.heritageaudio.com](http://www.heritageaudio.com)> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <[www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast](http://www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast)>  
**All listings below list sampling of shows.** **Great American Radio**; Many classic television on DVD including Boston Blackie; Captain Midnight; Gangbusters; Richard Diamond

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** **Ruth Last**, 440 West End Ave. #11E, New York, NY 10024.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Carol Richards**, Mar 16, 84; singer (Don McNeill; Edgar Bergen);-**Jean Dickenson**, Jan 26, 93; singer (American Album of Familiar Music);-**Natalie Bodanya**, Mar 4, 98; Soprano (Fleischmann Hour);-**Mary Small**, Feb; 84; singer (Little Miss Bab-o; Your Hit Parade);-**Kurt Vonnegut**, Apr 11, 84; writer (Dimension X);-**Barry Nelson**, Apr 7, 86; actor (Duffy's Tavern, Monitor);-**Kitty Carlisle Hart**; apr 17, 96; actress, singer (Good News);-**Anne Pitoniak**, Apr 22, 85; actress (Radio City Playhouse);-**Alice Backes**, Mar 15, 83; actress (This is the FBI);-**Tom Poston**, Apr 30, 85; actor (Arthur Godfrey);-**Gordon Scott**, Apr 30, 80; actor (Edgar Bergen show)

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